

To the members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1835 without my signature.

This measure establishes permitting impediments for landfills approved by local initiative not required for landfills approved through other local processes. Permitting landfill facilities requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and various local, state and federal permitting agencies including ones with jurisdiction over air and water quality. During these permitting processes, local citizens, state and federal regulators will have ample opportunity to comment on the project, impose mitigation measures, and require strict compliance with environmental protection laws.

The local initiative process only addresses the local land use requirements and I am hesitant to require additional permitting burdens for a landfill that was approved by a vote of the citizens versus one approved by local officials.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger